## REMARKS

At page 2 of the Advisory Action, claims 3-17 are allowed and claims 1 and 2 remain rejected. In an effort to advance the present application to issuance, claims 1 and 2 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby obviating their rejection. Accordingly, only allowed claims 3-17 remain pending the in the present application.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is courteously solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the below listed telephone number in order to expedite resolution of any issues and to expedite passage of the present application to issue, if any comments, questions, or suggestions arise in connection with the present application.

It is believed that no fee is due, but if a fee is due the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 01-0365.

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